



# Cabinetmaker

## About this job

Cabinetmakers are precise, artistic and have an eye for detail. They work directly with the customer while discussing the desired product, as well as on their own. This trade provides the opportunity to see a project through from concept to finished product.



**CABINETMAKER FALLS UNDER NATIONAL OCCUPATION  
CLASSIFICATION (NOC) CODE #7272/72311**



- **Four-year program**
- **Eligible for Red Seal Endorsement**
- **Requires out of the territory technical training**
- **High Demand Trade**
- **Construction**

## \$62,400

Estimated Average Journeyperson Salary

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## What can I expect to do for work if I become a Cabinetmaker?

Cabinetmakers build, finish, install and repair custom or production-type fixtures and furniture made of wood or wood substitutes.

- discuss projects with customers and draw-up detailed layouts, drawings and specifications,
- estimate the amount of time and material needed, and the cost,
- select the wood or other materials involved in the project,
- set-up and operate woodworking equipment,
- program and operate Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) equipment,
- measure, cut, shape, mold, scrape, sand and apply finishes to pieces of a project,
- apply veneer or plastic laminates to substrates,
- assemble the project by gluing, clamping, dowelling, nailing and screwing pieces together,
- repair or refinish wooden furniture and fixtures,
- install cabinetry and millwork, and
- manage the selection and installation of hardware.

In large cabinet shops equipped with hi-tech computer-controlled equipment, cabinetmakers may specialize in only one or two of the functions listed.

## What kind of working conditions can I expect?

Cabinetmakers work indoors, generally in a shop environment. They may be exposed to high noise levels, airborne sawdust, and chemicals from painting and stripping. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required.

Eligibility Requirements
Entrance Exam – Pass Exam 2 with a score of 70% or higher <b>or</b>
Completion of the following high school courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English 10-2 (pass) or Literacy 20 (65% or higher)</li> <li>• Math 10C (pass) or Math 10-3 (65% or higher)</li> <li>• Science 10 (pass)</li> </ul>
<b>or</b>
All five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests
<b>SCHOOLS NORTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (SNAP) - SNAP</b> apprentices are not required to satisfy the entrance requirements prior to signing an apprenticeship contract. However, the SNAP apprentice must satisfy the entrance requirements <b>or</b> write the TEE before attending technical training.

There is risk of injury involved in using woodworking machinery.

## What are some skills that are valued in this profession?

- good eyesight to select woods and look for surface imperfections,
- good eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity,
- the strength, stamina, and ability to use proper lifting techniques for items weighing 25 kgs, and
- the ability to visualize a finished product from drawings, blueprints or other specifications.

## What is the minimum requirement to become an apprentice in this trade?

Apprentices must obtain a minimum of 70% on the Trades Entrance Exam – TEE Category #1 or the equivalent education as outlined below. This must be done before signing the Apprenticeship contract and attending technical training.

## How long will it take to complete a Cabinetmaker apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship takes about four years to complete and includes four on the job periods and four technical training periods. You need to complete 1800 hours per period, for a total of 7200 hours.

## How long is technical training?

Apprentices will attend 960 technical training hours. Apprentices usually go to school for this program in **Alberta**.

Period	Technical Training <sup>1</sup>	Prerequisites for technical training	Hours <sup>2</sup>
<b>1st</b>	8 Weeks 240 hours	Entrance Exam and 900 hours	1800
<b>2nd</b>	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> Period	3600
<b>3rd</b>	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	5400
<b>4th</b>	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	7200

<sup>1</sup>Length of In-School Training

<sup>2</sup>Minimum Time Required to Complete (Includes Technical Training)

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